

**All images from the Library of Virginia, unless otherwise noted:**

**Cover, from the top:**



The first state library.



Watercolor of the second state library by Denby T. Hird, a draftsman for Carneal, Johnston, and Wright, the architectural firm that supervised the building's construction.



Construction of the second state library, November 1939.



Laying the cornerstone of the second state library, February 22, 1940.



The Library of Virginia today.

**History of the Library Collage:**

**Left column, from the top:**



List of slaves working at Glenwood Furnace, Tredegar Iron Works Records, 1863 (Accessions 23881, 24808).



William Allason Ledger Book (Accession 13).



"And she cooked happily ever after," VEPCO advertisement from 1955 (Accession 37345).

**Right column, from the top:**



Plans for Baptist Church, Waynesboro, by M. J. Dimmock, 1891 (Accession 36569).



James Skelton Gilliam Journal, 1816 (Accession 13946).



Ex-Slave Mutual Relief Bounty and Pension Association of America, Charter, 1897 (Accession 37678).



George W. Reid, Letter and Sketches, 1881 (Accession 34276).

## Timeline:



The first state library.



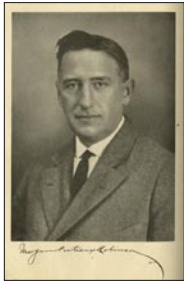
U.S. Army Signal Corps Photograph Collection, Hampton Roads Point of Embarkation.



A state library bookmobile. Virginia Chamber of Commerce Collection.



Turkey round-up in Urbanna, 1951. Virginia Chamber of Commerce Collection.



State archivist Morgan P. Robinson.



Archives stacks circa 1948.



Construction of the second state library, November 1939.



Archives Reading Room in the second state library.



Gov. James H. Price during National Bill of Rights Week, 1941. Virginia Chamber of Commerce Collection.



Al Zahlout Family, WRVA Radio Collection (Accession 38210).



Moving Land Office books from the Capitol to the Library, 1948.



Ida Mae Thompson. Courtesy of Special Collections and Archives, James Branch Cabell Library, Virginia Commonwealth University.